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Identical letters dated 25 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 5 October 2011 concerning the resumption of the illegal export of inert materials from Abkhazia, Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia concerning the resumption of the illegal export of inert materials from Abkhazia, Georgia

According to the information published in the Russian mass media on 18 October 2011, the company Freight One, owned by the Russian railways, has resumed the export of cargo, in particular the export of inert materials (sand and gravel mixture), from Abkhazia, Georgia, with the aim of using it for the construction of infrastructure for the winter Olympic Games to be held in Sochi in 2014.

This illegal export of inert materials from Abkhazia, Georgia, which is conducted in complete disregard for the norms of ecological safety, irreparably injures the unique and fragile nature of the Black Sea coastline, especially the unique and relict environment of Abkhazia, Georgia, and amounts to an ecological catastrophe for the whole Caucasian region.

The aforementioned fact is yet another confirmation of the aggressive policy of the Russian Federation carried out against Georgia, expressed in ethnic cleansings and occupation of parts of the territory of a sovereign State, which currently threatens the unique ecosystem of Georgia and its inseparable part, Abkhazia, as well as the Caucasus and the whole Black Sea region.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia once again addresses the international community and international organizations working on environmental issues, to give an adequate assessment of the illegal activities of the Russian side that are incompatible with the Olympic principles and to take all measures necessary to immediately stop them.